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To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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- NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE;
- Issue Fee of \$ 1210;
- Advance Order \$ 30;
- COMMUNICATION; and. ...

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COMMUNICATION

Prosecution History

The application was filed 16 Nov 93, and contained 38 claims (some in multiple dependent form).

At the time of filing, applicant qualified for small entity status, and was entitled to same.

An Office action was mailed on 13 Sep 94, in which certain claims were allowed, certain claims were rejected, certain claims were objected to, and certain claims were withdrawn from consideration.

The inventor and his patent attorney conducted an interview with the examiner on 7 Feb 95, at which time the invention was generally discussed, and a proposed (draft) amendment was reviewed.

On 13, Feb 95, applicant submitted an AMENDMENT, substantially in the form of the proposed amendment. A fee of \$2936 was paid for excess claims, calculated as follows:

• 13 excess independent claims @ \$38 = \$ 494

• 222 excess total claims @ \$11 = \$ 2442

A fee (\$185) for a two month's extension of time in which to respond was paid with the amendment of 13 Feb 95.

In the transmittal dated 13 Feb 95, it was asserted that "The applicant is a small entity." This statement appears to be in error. However, the undersigned declares that there was no fraudulent intent in making this statement, nor was any fraud attempted to be perpetrated on the Patent Office.

On 01 May 95, in response to a request from the examiner that the claim count be reduced, applicant submitted (via fax) a SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT including provisional election. In the SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT, various claims were amended, and the claim count was substantially reduced, to a total of 69 claims.

Allowed Claims

According to the NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY, the allowed claims are:

<u>claims</u>	# TOTAL	# INDEPENDENT				
15-29	15	3	(15,	25,	27)	
36	1					
37	1					
50-53	4	4	(50,	51,	52,	53)
58	1					
79	1					
80	1					
93	1					
105	1					
110	1					
. 115	1					
119	1					
125	1					
130	1					
139	1					
143-146	4					
152	1					
158	1					
161-164	4					
173-187	15					
194	1					
195	1					
204	1					
205	1					
207	1					
209	1					
210	1					
219	1					
223	1					
242	1		•			
243	1					
267	1					
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Notice of Change of Status

Applicant hereby give notice to the Patent Office that applicant's status as a small entity has changed, and that the change occurred after the date of filing this application.

This notice is due "at the time of paying ... the issue fee" (MPEP 509.03)

The issue fee (\$1210) enclosed herewith reflects this change of status.

Upon reviewing the applicable rules, it appears that no additional fees are due for the excess claims in the amendment of 13 Feb 95, most of which were cancelled.

Election

In comments appended to the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE, it is requested that the applicant affirm the telephonic election to prosecute the invention of Group III (claim 15 and its progeny).

Applicant hereby affirms the election to prosecute the invention of Group III (claim 15 and its progeny), without traverse.

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